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SUBJECT: EC BEEF BAN

DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN, ARGENTINIAN AND NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OVER PAST TWO WEEKS, AGATTACHE HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT ANY COORDINATION BETWEEN MAJOR EC BEEF SUPPLIERS IS YET TO GEL. IN PARTICULAR, THE ARGENTINE NATIONAL MEAT BOARD HAS INFORMALLY APPROACHED AGATTACHE TO OUTLINE THEIR PROBLEMS IN FORMING A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OCEANIA. AGATTACHE PROPOSES THAT A ONE-DAY INFORMAL MEETING BE HOSTED HERE IN AMEMBASSY LONDON AT THE END OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER TO BE ATTENDED BY THE LONDON REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AUSTRALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS AND THE EUROPEAN REPS OF THE THREE BOARDS INVOLVED. THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO DISCUSS (1) SHORT AND LONG TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE EC BAN, AND (2) ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES FOR APPROACHES TO THE EC. AGATTACHE EXPECTS A MORNING MEETING OF GOVNT. REPS. FOLLOWED BY AFTERNOON MEETING INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE BOARDS. THERE IS ALREADY A GOOD WORKING

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED AND LONDON IS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE AS ALL THREE BOARDS HAVE THEIR EUROPEAN REPS. LOCATED HERE. THIS MEETING COULD BE CONSIDERED AS SUPPLEMENTARY OR EVEN PREPARATORY TO OTHER COORDINATION PROPOSALS.

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING WITH LONDON REPS. OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & ARGENTINA TO DISCUSS EC BEEF IMPORT BAN. ALSO REQUIRED IS FURTHER GUIDANCE ON US POSITION ON BEEF BAN. SOHM.

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